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UNITED STATES WINS

THE FAMOUS ALASKAN BOUNDARY CASE IS DECIDED.

Nearly All Demands Granted—Only Exception is That Involving Portland Canal, Which Goes to Canada—Canadian Press is Furious.

London: The Alaskan boundary commission has verbally agreed to grant all the American contentions except that for the Portland canal, which goes to Canada.

Montreal: Commenting on the decision of the Alaskan boundary commission under the heading "Canada is Sacrificed," the Journal says:

"This result had been seen from the beginning. In accepting the decision of a commission named equally by two parties to the case England plainly indicated a disposition to no longer sustain the contentions of Canada, but to sacrifice them in the hope of securing the disappearance of a cause of continual friction with the United States."

Le Canada, which is the personal organ of the Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, says:

"Lord Alverstone, the representative of Great Britain, has ranged himself on the side of the Americans and decided favorably for the Americans all along the line save for one little concession through the grace of which it is hoped to excuse this shameful capitulation. Through the treaty Mr. Chamberlain signed with Mr. Hay Canada is compelled to accept the decision of the tribunal and to the voice of the jury."

"In a word Chamberlain has given it to us in the neck. He was the whole machine. He had the colonial office; he refused to heed the protests of Canada against the personality of the American commissioners; he gave Lord Alverstone his lesson and Canada was condemned before the case was heard. We have one more in the line of the betrayal of our interests to add to the long list of British defections. The decision of the Alaska commission is a rude blow to the cause of imperialism in Canada."

A DOZEN DIE IN COLLISION.

Disastrous Smashup on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Trenton, N. J.: In a collision on the Pennsylvania road eight miles above Trenton Saturday morning, between two passenger trains, twelve persons were killed and about forty injured, several of the latter seriously.

Eight bodies and the injured have arrived here on a special train.

The train bearing the laborers was made up of three coaches in which the men were riding and two flat cars in the rear. While the train was standing near Washington crossing to receive orders respecting the passing of a passenger train, it was run into by the nearby gravel train. The cars telescoped the coaches. There were about 180 men in the two cars.

A SEVERE SENTENCE.

Former Mission Postmaster Used Government Money as His Own.

St. Louis: On a plea of guilty to the charge of having embezzled government funds, Ferrion Vise, a former postmaster at Fairdealing, Ripley County, Mo., was sentenced in the federal court to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary, and fined \$1,000.

Vise was arrested several weeks ago on the charge of issuing money orders in payment of his personal obligation to the extent of \$1,042. He acknowledged the offense, but stated to the court that he had intended to replace the money and was prevented, as his accounts were checked up sooner than he anticipated.

THE JURY DISAGREES.

Find Itself Unable to Convict Miller and Johns.

Cincinnati, O.: The jury in the case of Daniel Voorhees Miller and Joseph M. Johns, on trial in the federal court here all last week on the charge of an alleged conspiracy to extort a bribe, reported Saturday that they were unable to agree, and was discharged by Judge Thompson.

The trial attracted unusual attention, as it was the first one under the many recent indictments for alleged frauds in the postoffice.

ANOTHER NEW RECORD.

Dan Patch Paces a Mile to Wagon in 1:59 1/2 at Lexington.

Lexington, Ky.: Dan Patch, 1:59, the world's champion Saturday broke the world's record to a wagon and came within a quarter of a second of equalling his own sulky record. The previous pacing record to wagon was 2:01 1/2, made by Little Boy on the Memphis track.

Dan Patch clipped two and one-quarter seconds off this record Saturday and went the mile in 1:59 1/2.

State Death Rate is Lower.

Springfield, Ill.: Four thousand nine hundred and thirty deaths were recorded in the state of Illinois during July, 1902, according to the mortality reports for that month, just published by the state board of health. The rate is slightly less than that of July, 1902, when 5,107 deaths were reported.

Triple Murder.

Ashville, N. C.: Dr. J. V. Jay, a prominent physician, killed his three children, aged 2, 4 and 6 years, using a claw hammer as a weapon. He then set fire to his home, but the flames were extinguished by neighbors.

Consent to Come Back.

Montreal: E. J. Edelson, Joseph H. Edelson, Robert Edelson and Mrs. Edelson of Chicago, arrested here on a charge of defrauding their creditors in Chicago of about \$20,000, have consented to waive extradition proceedings.

Divers Save Treasure.

New York: Divers have recovered \$100,000 in silver and lead bullion pigs, which slipped off a barge into Staten Island Sound near Saturday, N. J., in September last. The bullion was transported from East River front to the plant of a smelting company at Perth Amboy, when the cargo shifted, tumbling about 7,000 pigs into the sound.

Mystery in Georgia Lynching.

Cordle, Ga.: The body of an unknown negro was found hanging to a tree one mile from this place. Several people living in the neighborhood stated that they heard shots during the night.

LUMBER TOWN BURNS.

Ten Blocks Destroyed at Aberdeen, Washington.

Aberdeen, Wash.: The most destructive fire in the history of the town Friday wiped out ten business blocks and residences, causing the loss of four lives, the injury of a number of people, and a financial loss of \$1,000,000. Not more than one-half of the loss is covered by insurance. The reason that the insurance companies have refused to carry any greater risk on account of the inflammable material of which all the buildings in Aberdeen are constructed. Every business man in the city is a loser, either by fire, water, removal, breakage or loss by theft.

The fire started in the old Mack building, on Hume Street.

From the Mack block the fire spread to the fine new home and headquarters of the fire department. Great volumes of flame shot into the air, and the heat became unbearable a block distant. In a short time the flames had jumped across the alley, and every building in the block went up. The Standard and Pacific Hotels were soon destroyed.

The opera house, all the material and buildings of the new hospital association and the residence of D. B. Dudley next went. In order to stop the further progress of the flames, dynamite was used on several of the buildings upon which the flames were advancing.

Telephone messages brought the fire departments of Hoquima and Montesano to the scene, and they did effective work. The fire started at 9 o'clock in the morning, and it was late in the afternoon before the flames were brought under control.

Aberdeen has a population of about 7,000, and its chief industry is lumber. Several large sawmills are located near the town, but the fire did not reach them.

None of those injured will die.

A YOUTHFUL FORGER.

New York Boy of 15 Accused of Stealing Over \$10,000.

New York: Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants, asked the local police to send out a general alarm for Clarence S. Leonard, 18 years old, of East Orange, N. J., a messenger employed by the firm. It is alleged that Leonard forged two checks, one for \$7,500 and the other for \$2,570, using the firm name, on two local banks, presenting them at the banks and collecting the money. He is said to have secured the money last Sunday morning and have disappeared immediately afterward.

It is also said that a young woman living in East Orange disappeared at the same time. Leonard has been attentive to her, and the suggestion of the bank officials and the police officials is that they have eloped. Leonard comes from a prominent family of East Orange, and had the full confidence of his employers.

ROB DAKOTA BANK.

Gang of Cracksmen Make a Good haul at Viborg, S. D.

Viborg, S. D.: Bank robbers blew open the door of the Bank of Viborg at 2:30 o'clock Friday morning and escaped on a handcar, carrying with them in a sack \$4,000 as their booty.

The bank's loss is covered by insurance. Nels Madison, who rooms next door to the bank, was awakened by the noise of a sledge hammer, which was used to break into the vault, and from a window in his room saw the robbers leave and re-enter the building as they made their explosion, and finally leave the building with their booty, which one of them carried in a sack slung across his shoulder.

Of the stolen \$4,000, \$2,500 was in coin and \$1,500 in bills.

The robbers took the cashier's revolver which they found in a drawer. They escaped on a handcar.

LOSS IS IN MILLIONS.

Huge London Stockbroking Firm Suffers from Wind Up.

London: The Daily Chronicle states that the stock exchange settlement proved disastrous for one of the largest of the London stockbroking firms, whose losses are estimated at £1,000,000. The failure of the house was only prevented by a sort of forced liquidation, its affairs being so huge and complicated that the city did not dare allow the firm to fail openly. It is said that the firm will be wound up and that it will disappear.

It is also reported that several other important firms were compelled practically to wind up or have been assisted by the banks and financiers to the tune of many millions.

MOB HANGS NEGRO.

Kentucky Black Charged with Shooting a White Boy.

Wickliffe, Ky.: Tom Hall, a negro charged with shooting Crockett Childers, a white boy, was taken to jail early Friday morning by a mob of 100 men and hanged to a tree in the jail yard.

Hall denied he wounded Childers, and placed the blame on Jim Rivers, another negro.

Bare Cake Walk in Church.

Pittsburg, Pa.: Bishop Arnett of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., presiding over the African Methodist Episcopal church conference, announced that Rev. H. J. Williams, formerly of Duquesne, Pa., had been dropped from the conference roll because he had permitted a cake walk in his church.

Find Itself Insane.

Washington: Peter Elliott of Minnesota, who was arrested at White House on Oct. 5, and who made a violent attack upon the officers who had him in custody, was Friday officially adjudged insane and recommitted to St. Elizabeth's insane asylum.

Indian Slayer of Seven.

Browning, Mont.: James Little Plume has confessed to the murder of seven people killed Sunday on the Blackfoot Indian reservation.

Stole Letters from Mails.

New York: Alexander Hall, superintendent of the foreign mail branch of the New York postoffice, was arrested Friday by postoffice inspectors and arraigned on the charge of embezzling letters from the mails.

Woman and Infant Son Perish.

Denver: Mrs. Kate Lonergan, with her 2-year-old son Francis in her arms, lost her way on the prairies near this city Thursday night in a snow storm and fell into an irritating ditch, where both were found dead.

Stern Goes to Jail.

Washington: Leopold J. Stern, the Baltimore contractor recently indicted in connection with a postal contract, appeared in police court Friday. Judge Scott denied the request of Stern's counsel for an immediate hearing. Bond was fixed at \$5,000 and Stern was committed to jail.

Collision in Indiana.

Elwood, Ind.: Nine persons were injured Thursday evening in a collision on the Indiana Gas Tractor Company's road near Oradys by the collision of a work car loaded with thirty men with a gravel train.

SCHOOL TEACHER MURDERED.

Beautiful Young Woman Slain by Intruder.

San Francisco: Josephine Mead, a student of the University of California, was shot and instantly killed Thursday by Paul Schmidt, aged 25 years, who afterwards committed suicide. Miss Mead formerly was a resident of a teacher in the public schools. Schmidt was also a resident of Los Angeles, where he is said to have been prominently connected.

The tragedy occurred at 1819 Laguna Street, where Miss Mead lodged. On leaving the house Miss Mead was met by Schmidt, who had been seen writing in the neighborhood for some time.

Miss Mead and Schmidt adjourned to a nearby doorway, where they stood for a few minutes, Schmidt talking earnestly with many gestures.

Miss Mead stepped away from him and approached a passby, to whom she said: "I beg your pardon, but this man—"

At that moment Schmidt began shooting. He sent four bullets into the girl's body. When she fell dead he calmly looked at her a few moments and walked down the street, removing the empty shells from his revolver. He then reloaded the pistol, and after firing in the air, he fled, placed the pistol against his forehead and fired. He died instantly.

APPEAL FOR DAY OFF.

Pittsburg Roadmaster Says Men Should Have Sunday Off.

Kansas City: Addressing the annual convention of the Roadmasters' and Maintenance of Way Association here, A. Morrison of Pittsburg, Pa., advised his hearers to treat their men with consideration.

"Give your men one day in seven to rest," said Mr. Morrison, "and let that day be Sunday. The company loses one day in seven. Let the men spend Sundays with their families at home, and you will have better men. It is economy for the company and a kindness to the men. I have proved that it is possible, and you can devise means to accomplish it if you will only try."

FAITH CURE A CRIME.

New York Court of Appeals Finds Negligence in Child's Death.

New York: Dependence upon faith healing in sickness is declared to be criminal negligence in a decision handed down by the court of appeals. The case under consideration was that of J. L. Peterson, a faith healer of White Plains, N. Y., whose 16-month-old daughter died of bronchial pneumonia without medical attendance.

The conviction was secured under the penal code, which holds that "a person who omits without lawful excuse to perform a duty by law imposed upon him, to furnish food, clothing, shelter, or medical attendance to a minor is guilty," etc.

ROBBED AND MURDERED.

Dead Body of a Woman Found in St. Louis Suburb.

St. Louis: The dead body of Mrs. Kate Lauman, aged 58, was found lying in a clump of bushes near the roadside at Normandy, a suburb of the city. She had been shot and robbed, and there is no clue to the murderer.

A chisel, which was used to break into the vault, and from a window in his room saw the robbers leave and re-enter the building as they made their explosion, and finally leave the building with their booty, which one of them carried in a sack slung across his shoulder.

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ILLINOIS BANK ROBBED.

Four Highwaymen Weeek Vault and Escape with \$2,800.

Peoria, Ill.: About 2 o'clock Wednesday morning four men drove into the little town of Berkeley, Knox County, and going to the Farmers' State Bank picked the lock of the front door. Then they drilled the door of the vault, forced the combination, securing \$2,800.

The explosion awakened a number of residents, who appeared on the scene and were covered by guns in the hands of the robbers, who held them at bay until they had loaded the booty into a rig and driven towards the east.

GOES DOWN IN CALM WEATHER.

Vessel on Lake Superior Springs a Leak and Sinks.

Ashland, Wis.: The phenomenon was witnessed early Thursday of a vessel sinking in Lake Superior with the weather conditions the finest they have been for months, with no sea and but little wind.

The steamer Marquette sprung a leak and three hours later went down in 200 feet of water. The vessel was carrying 100 tons of cargo and a crew of 100 men and hanged to a tree in the jail yard.

STOLE TOBACCO TAGS.

Postal Clerk Got Enough to Buy Diamonds and Real Estate.

St. Louis: Osey Austin, a railway postal clerk, running on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway, was arrested here Thursday by Postoffice Inspector Dice upon the charge of purloining tobacco tags that were sent through the mails.

It is alleged that Austin stole the tags and derived money enough to buy diamonds and real estate. He admitted his guilt.

Herman is Arrested.

Manila: George Herman, the defuncting constabulary officer, has been arrested and taken to Bataan. Eight hundred dollars were recovered from him.

Strike at Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash.: A general strike was ordered Thursday of all of the building trades. Five hundred men are out.

Admits Killing Lebers.

Bloomington, Ill.: Samuel Wilson, aged 25, a German on the Chicago and Alton Railroad, was arrested here Thursday by the sheriff charged with the murder of Henry Lebers of Richmond, Ky., last spring. He is said to have admitted his guilt.

Died of Natural Causes.

San Francisco: The coroner's jury in the case of A. L. Kohn of Chicago, who died under peculiar circumstances, returned a verdict that Kohn died from natural causes.

Wounds His Wife.

Chicago: L. R. Holley, who says that his father, now deceased, was a banker in Dixon, Ill., shot and fatally wounded his wife. It is said that Holley was jealous of his wife, but he refused to give his reason for shooting her, merely saying that they had quarreled. Holley made no effort to escape, and was arrested.

Must Keep Her Promises.

Tokio, Japan: Important cabinet meetings were held Thursday. The interest in well informed circles is that Japan will insist upon Russia's fulfillment of her promises. The newspaper comment is quiet, but insistent.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS.

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Mrs. Mollieux to Wed Again—Her Attorney Claims It Will be Demonstrated Beyond a Doubt that a Divorce Was Granted Her.

The discussion as to whether or not Mrs. Roland B. Mollieux had in reality secured a South Dakota divorce, as claimed by herself and her attorneys, that Mrs. Mollieux is preparing to wed again, when one of her attorneys stated that within the next few weeks it will be demonstrated to the satisfaction of everybody that the decree was granted.

In other words, the attorney admits that Mrs. Mollieux is preparing to again assume the bonds of matrimony, and curiosity will once more be aroused as to the identity of the man who will be her next husband.

Whoever she marries, one thing is certain, and that is that the marriage will take place in South Dakota, as this would, in case of necessity, compel courts of other states to recognize the legality of her divorce as well as her remarriage.

Notwithstanding denials, it is believed that one of her Sioux Falls attorneys, whose name has recently been used in connection with that of Mrs. Mollieux, will lead her to the altar.

SYSTEM OF SEWERAGE.

Aberdeen Planning to Overhaul the Water Plant of the City.

The city council of Aberdeen has authorized Benetice Williams, the Chicago consulting engineer, to prepare plans for the disposal of sewage and the overhauling of the water system of the city, his charge for the plans to be \$2,500. Mr. Williams, who planned the sewer system of Pullman, Ill., proposes that the artesian wells of the city be utilized to furnish water for the pumping beds, and that instead of the water supply of the city being supplied direct from the natural pressure of the wells it be pumped by steam power from settling tanks, into which the water from the wells shall be run after being used for pumping sewage.

DAUGHTER IS LOYAL.

Present Petition Asking for Father's Release from Prison.

Although W. M. Zink, formerly proprietor of the Commercial Hotel at DeSmet, is serving a term in the Sioux Falls penitentiary for arson, he has not forgotten by his daughter, Hazel Zink, who is circulating a petition for his release, in this part of the state asking for the pardon of her father. She has thus far secured a large number of signatures.

TO BUILD ZION.

Some Dowdites Have Purchased Large Tracts of Western Land.

L. D. Parr of Rockford, Ill., was in Aberdeen Wednesday night on his way home from North Dakota. Mr. Parr, who is a land dealer, announced that he has recently closed a deal for the sale of 32,000 acres of land in northwestern North Dakota to the Dowdites of Chicago, who propose to colonize the land and establish a Zion in Bowman and Billings Counties.

Charged with Burglary.

Joseph Woolman, Jack Smith, Dick Painter and J. M. Kleinsasser are the names of four men who were arrested on the charge of having burglarized five Freeman business houses recently. As the result of their preliminary examination they were bound over for appearance at the next term of state circuit court.

Index of Settlers.

A Mitchell dispatch says: The influx of land seekers into a large part of South Dakota is increasing at a very remarkable rate, and the trains over the Milwaukee road going both ways are crowded day after day. More land is being sold at this season of the year than in any previous year.

Fell from a Scaffold.

Arthur Vandeburg fell from the scaffold of A. Walpole's new residence at the time of its dedication in a very serious manner. He fell on his face and his upper lip was torn nearly off. He was badly cut about the head and scalp and the extent of his internal injuries cannot be ascertained.

Robbers Got \$4,000 at Viborg.

Bank robbers blew open the safe of the Bank of Viborg at 2:30 o'clock Friday morning and escaped on a handcar, carrying with them in a sack \$4,000 as their booty. The bank's loss is covered by insurance.

Gann Valley's Spouter.

A fine two-inch artesian well has been completed on the ranch of W. F. Robinson, near Gann Valley. It is 912 feet deep, flows about 100 gallons a minute and has a pressure of fifty pounds to the square inch. The well was completed in only nine days.

Horse Thief Bounded Up.

John Belding, deputy marshal, has arrived at Deadwood from Rosebud agency with Homer Sitting Up, a Rosebud Indian, charged with horse stealing. The Indian waived examination and is confined in the Deadwood jail.

Heavy Stock Shipments.

A great rush of cattle has started from Pierre for the Chicago market, over 200 cars being shipped during the last three days, yet even these shippers are sending only about one-fourth as many as they should on account of low prices.

Kicked to Death.

Harry M. the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Brown, well known residents of White Lake, died as the result of injuries he received by being kicked in the stomach by one of several horses he was taking to water.

Horses Stolen.

Horse thieves made a good haul in the barn of Walter H. Mead, two miles north of Pierre. They stole a team of heavy horses and a lumber wagon. They were tracked for several miles, but finally escaped.

Goes Under Assumed Name.

The man who met with an accident at Sturgis Monday night and who has been known as Charles Smith, died from the effects of his injuries. Before death he wrote the present time in a letter to Judge Jones of the state circuit court, and pleaded guilty to the charge. He was sentenced to imprisonment in the Sioux Falls penitentiary for a period of one year.

Kimball Mill Sold.

The Kimball Milling Company has sold its mill and other property to William F. Lohr of Sioux City, Ia., who will have personal charge in the future.

GAS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE.

The Natural Product is Generally Utilized at Pierre.

The question is often asked Pierre people out over the state: "Do the people of Pierre use natural gas in their houses?"

The record of gas users in the office of the Pierre gas and water department would show that over 300 private families are using natural gas, and that since the gas mains have been extended the number of consumers is growing every day. The well which supplies these users through the summer season produces more gas than is used by private consumers and enough for lighting heating during the cold days of fall, but is not sufficient to supply all needed for heating all the residences of users in the city west of Pierre. The well which is now used for cost the city \$7,000 and the cash income from that well for the nine months since it was sunk has been \$500 per month, with the city using all necessary to pump water for the use of the city and for running the electric light plant, which in the old day, cost \$400 per month for coal, making the actual revenue \$900 per month, the well more than paying for itself in less than a year. A contract has been signed for a new well, and the plant is now on the ground to begin this work.

FIRE AT SIOUX FALLS.

Livery Barn and Score of Horses Burned Last Night.

At Sioux Falls fire completely destroyed the large livery establishment of L. Leavitt, situated in the heart of the business district. Twenty-one horses, some of their valuable ones, were burned to death.

The building belonged to Judge Jones, of the state circuit court, and was not insured. The total loss from the fire will reach \$7,000, with insurance of about \$2,000, which was held by Leavitt.

During the fire two members of the fire department were badly injured by the chemical engine running into a ditch.

The fire was prevented from spreading and doing damage by the hard work of the fire department and the fact that a brick building stood in the path of the flames.

KILLED BY A STONE.

Black Hills Man Dies as Result of an Accident.

James M. Priest, aged 53 years, died at his home near Deadwood Friday. Mr. Priest was cleaning out a well Thursday when a rock from above fell on him, crushing his skull.

The accident occurred about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and Mr. Priest lived until about 9 o'clock the next morning.

He leaves a wife and nine children to mourn his loss. He came to the Black Hills in 1876 and has been a resident of Deadwood ever since. He has represented the county in the legislature and had the respect and esteem of his friends and neighbors. The funeral was held at Elm Springs.

THRASHING IS RETARDED.

Little Grain Coming to Market at Huron.

Wind and rain prevailing about Huron for the past few days has seriously retarded the thrashing of grain, and as a consequence but little grain is coming into market.

Prior to the 5th inst. the amount of wheat and other small grain received at the elevators here exceeded that of former years by many thousands of bushels. The wheat is of exceptionally good quality, while oats and barley are better than the average, and in quantity grade superior to the crops of former years.

The potato crop in this (Beadle) county is large and exceptionally fine.

Great Yield of Grain.

A Whitewood special says: Excellent reports are received from various thrashing camps at work throughout western South Dakota. The wheat yield per acre is averaging 25 bushels per acre. Except in a few cases the grain is of good quality, well filled, plump and hard, and thrashers report that no rusty or smutty grain has been encountered.

Struck Water.

The deep well designed to furnish water for the water works plant at Bridge-water, has reached a depth of 238 feet, where it is thought a sufficient supply of water has been struck. A large tank to be used in connection with the plant is being put in position, the capacity of which is 700 barrels.

Willey Was Short.

The sudden death of E. T. Willey of Montrose several weeks ago precipitated an investigation into the local business of the Tuller Lumber Company, for whom he had acted as agent, and this investigation has revealed a shortage of nearly or